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THE GEORGE-ANNE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2007

Professor critique forms vital for student success

By Frenchi Jones
Staff writer

As the semester draws closer to an end, it is time to critique professors and classes by filling out those Student Ratings of Instructor forms.

Yes, that is what the official name for those evaluations Georgia Southern students fill out at the end of every semester.

Most of the time students blindly bubble in the circles and don't take adequate time to rate their professors and assess each class.

Sue Mullins Moore, sociology and anthropology chair, said students' complacent attitudes while filling out the surveys don't help professors or students in the long run.

"I think sometimes that students don't think we take these [evaluations] seriously, and we do," she said. "I read every one and two-thirds of them are blank."

Evaluations are done for every class and the formal protocol is that they must be distributed to students by someone other than the actual professor, usually a different professor

or a graduate student.

The professor is not allowed to view the results until after grades have been issued.

"We want students to feel as comfortable filling them out as possible," Moore said.

On the evaluations students are asked questions like: How was the workload for this class? How interested were you in this class before you took it? How well did your instructor teach the material?

There is also room on the back for comments.

Moore said the questions are used to determine if some adjustment is needed.

"As an instructor, I read them to see if there were problems in the class that I wasn't aware of. As a chair, I read them to work with a faculty member to show them where they can improve," she said. "It is important for students to fill them completely out and be as honest as possible."

Sophomore Bryan Bennett said he usually uses the evaluations to actually give his opinion; however he said he is not sure whether they

are effective.

"It's useful to a certain extent, but only really to judge how well the students like their professors, not the merit of the class," he said.

Spanish major Cathy Chapel agrees. Chapel questions whether the evaluations can truly be instrumental in critiquing a professor's abilities to successfully teach.

"There are teachers who have more than half of their classes drop and they are still here," she said. "Why are professors still here when people constantly drop their classes? I want

to know why students who drop classes are not given evaluations to complete."

Moore agrees with Chapel that there should be a process for students who drop classes to critique their professors, but she said it is important for students to know that the ratings are just one method of evaluation.

"They are only one measure, not the only measure," she said. "If you are having problems with a class, have a conversation with the professor, and you can always go to the department head."

Little sisters banned

By Ditoria Geddis
Staff writer

Efforts to disband "little sister" groups began in 1967.

Since that time, most national fraternities and sororities have written their own policies to eliminate these auxiliary groups.

The ban on little sister groups was then finally adopted by vote of the 1987 House of Delegates.

However, despite the national policies against them, the little sisters have continued to exist at Georgia Southern for years.

According to Dean of Students Georj Lewis, the University is finally taking actions to ban the little sisters from campus fraternities for good.

When asked what he feels about this, Lewis said, "To me this is common knowledge. As long as I have been a professional in higher education, these types of organizations have been banned."

The banning of little sisters, Lewis said, is not really a question of agreeing or not.

"The National Greek Letter Organizations have considered these groups as violations to their policy and they no longer recognize little sister organizations," he said.

Therefore, the elimination of little sister groups is not a GSU specific issue.

The North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) believes that "little sisters are inconsistent with the concept and philosophy of separate and equal women's fraternities."

The NIC believes that the little sisters inhibit the accomplishment of chapter goals by not only weakening the bonds of brotherhood, but also by inviting disharmony, distracting

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Leave home, to give them a home

By Avina Darmadjaja
News editor

The documentary "Invisible Children" introduces America to the forgotten children living in the horrific Ugandan displacement camps. This upcoming Sat., April 28, the Invisible Children Inc. will host an event that will give Americans the chance to speak up.

The event, Displace Me, is a nationwide effort to put an end to the ongoing war in Northern Uganda between the government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), a rebel army whose militia consists mostly of kidnapped Ugandan children.

The war started 10 years ago and as a result, more than 1.8 million Ugandans were forcibly evicted from their homes and transported to overcrowded camps.

These camps were originally made to

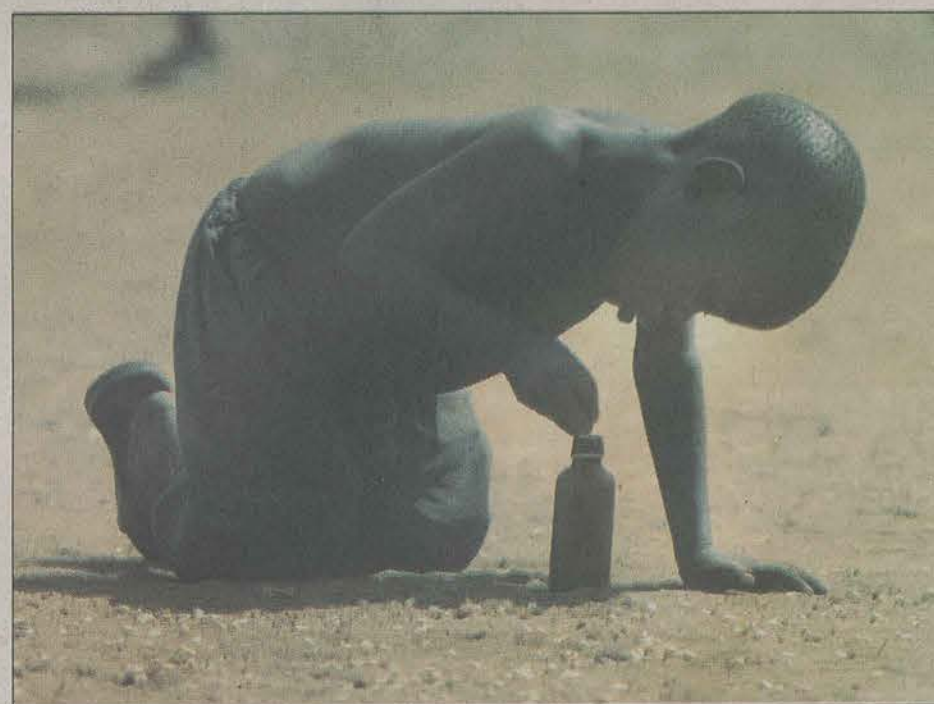
protect the people of Uganda, especially the children, from being abducted by the LRA. However, lack of funding makes these camps more of a hellhole than a safe shelter.

These camps typically house 10,000 to 60,000 people, with a combined death rate of 1,000 people per week. Their death is caused by either lack of food and water, alcoholism, sexual abuse, HIV/AIDS or inadequate sanitation.

Displace Me is an overnight event that begins on Sat., April 28 around noon and will end the morning of Sunday, April 29.

Thousands of Americans will leave the comfort of their homes and sleep outside for the night to share the pain felt every night by the displaced children in Northern Uganda. Invisible Children Inc. decides to only hold this event in 15 strategic locations.

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TOP Evelyn Hockstein/MCT

Children known as "night commuters" wake up just before sunrise after spending the night at the Noah's Ark children's shelter in Gulu, northern Uganda, February 16, 2006. Thousands of children leave their homes each evening to sleep at shelters for protection from abduction by the Lord's Resistance army. Civil war has raged in northern Uganda for 20 years.

BOTTOM Evelyn Hockstein/MCT

A young boy collects spilled maize kernels off the ground during a food distribution at Atiak camp in northern Uganda, February 16, 2006. In northern Uganda, Africa's longest running civil war has driven nearly 2 million people from their homes and made them dependent on emergency food aid to survive.



Ted Richardson/MCT

Callaway Cass (right), an associate faculty member and former student at Virginia Tech, comforts his wife Kiera Cass on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at a memorial on the Virginia Tech campus set-up for victims of a shooting rampage that killed 33 people in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Classes resume at Virginia Tech

By Dahleen Glanton
McClatchy Newspapers

Monday was supposed to be the day that life on the Virginia Tech campus began returning to normal. As it turned out, the day wasn't just about going back to class but sending the world a message about resilience.

For most students, this was the first day back since the tragic shooting abruptly changed life as they knew it on this rural campus. They spent days after the rampage mourning the loss of their friends and teachers, then went home for the weekend. By Monday, many of them had entered a

new phase of grieving, moving from shock and anger to a fierce resolve to move forward.

In a show of perseverance, they draped themselves in maroon and orange — their college colors — and drew upon their school spirit, their love for everything Hokie, their proud nickname, and leaned on each other, reclaiming an inner-strength that last week seemed lost forever.

The day began with a moment of silence at 7:15 a.m. EDT near West Ambler Johnston dormitory, where two students were killed at about that time a week ago. At 9:45 a.m., students gathered at a memorial

across the street from Norris Hall, where 30 others were killed later that morning. A brass bell rang 32 times and a white balloon was released for each victim. At the end maroon and orange balloons were released in a show of unity.

Despite an offer by the administration to allow students to forgo the rest of the year without penalty, about 85 percent of the student body returned to campus on Monday, according to university officials. When asked why they came back, the most common answer was because "I'm a Hokie."

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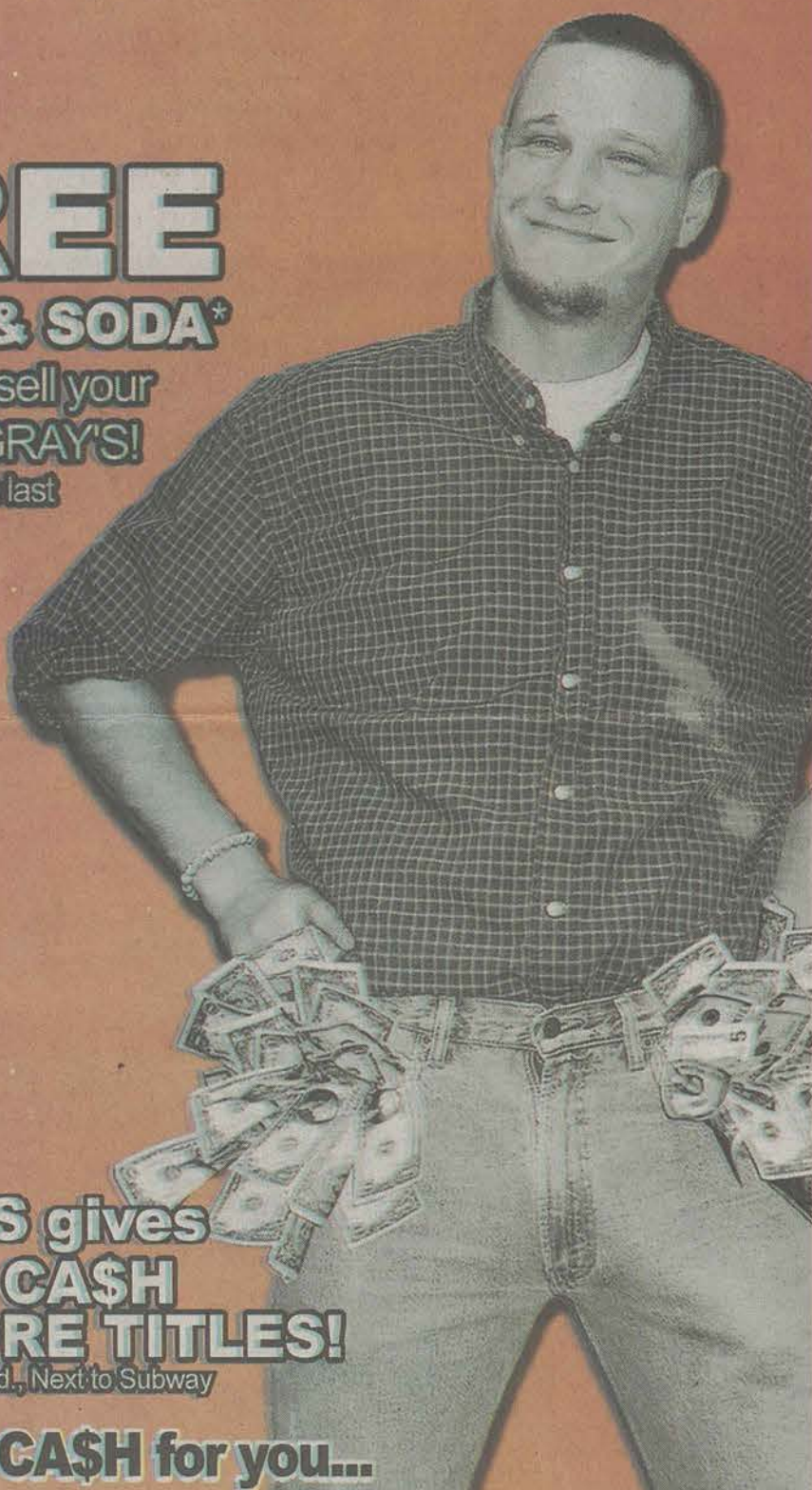
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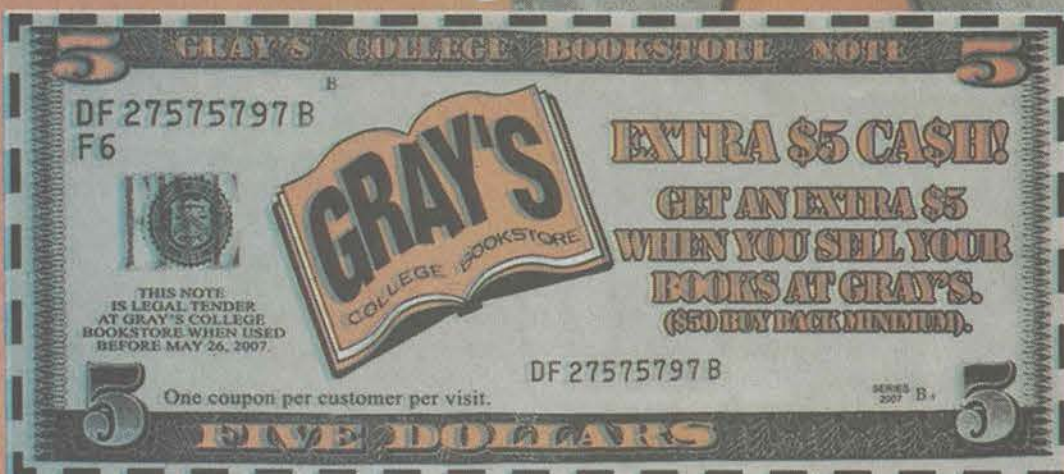
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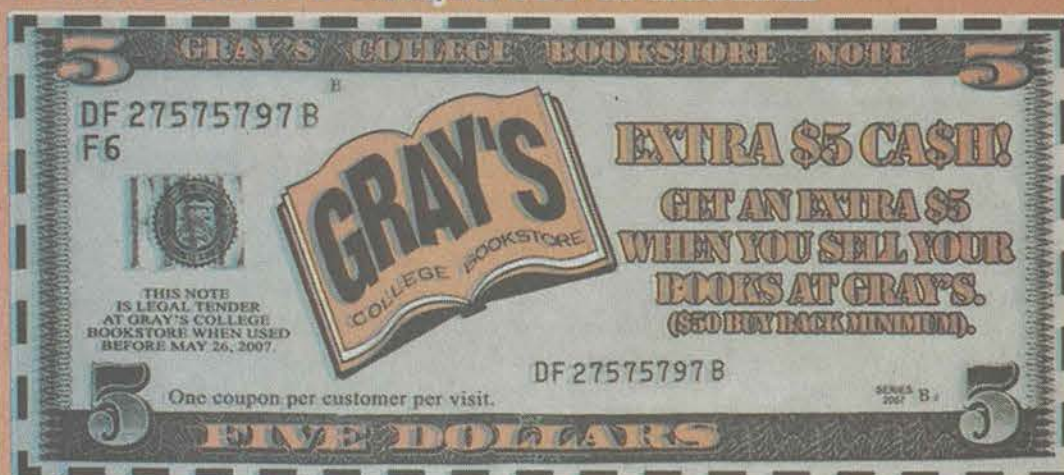


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Special Photo

Mark O'Connor and his Appalachia Waltz Trio ready to impress students with their distinct tunes.

Grammy winner Mark O'Connor to perform

By Ashe Johnson
Staff Writer

Mark O'Connor and his Appalachia Waltz Trio will be playing their music, a unique sounding mix of bluegrass, jazz and classical, at the PAC on Friday night.

The music business is no new thing to O'Connor; he has performed at the White House, Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Games and a Presidential Inauguration celebration, as well as having recorded over 20 albums.

He has won two Grammy Awards, as well as several awards for his performances and albums. His music is also found on the soundtracks of "The Patriot"

and "Gods and Generals." With O'Connor's extensive resume, the performance is sure to be impressive.

During his early music days studying under a Texan fiddler and a French jazz violinist, O'Connor was given a broad view of musical composition. He has since blended, tuned and experimented with styles to create a music that is entirely his own style.

The New York Times has named him "one of the most spectacular journeys in recent American music." O'Connor will be accompanied by new talent for this performance: Carol Cook playing the viola and Natalie Haas playing the cello. The Trio has recorded a CD together

called "Crossing Bridges."

"I think that bluegrass and classical music is inspiring," said Alli Brenner, a freshman at Georgia Southern University. True composers are now few and far between in America; O'Connor's performance will be a great opportunity for Georgia Southern students to hear a new style of music.

The performance is to be held on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the PAC. Tickets are \$30 for the general public, but are offered at a 10% discount to Georgia Southern students and faculty.

If any tickets are still available at 10 minutes to showtime, GSU students may purchase them for \$10 with their Eagle I.D.



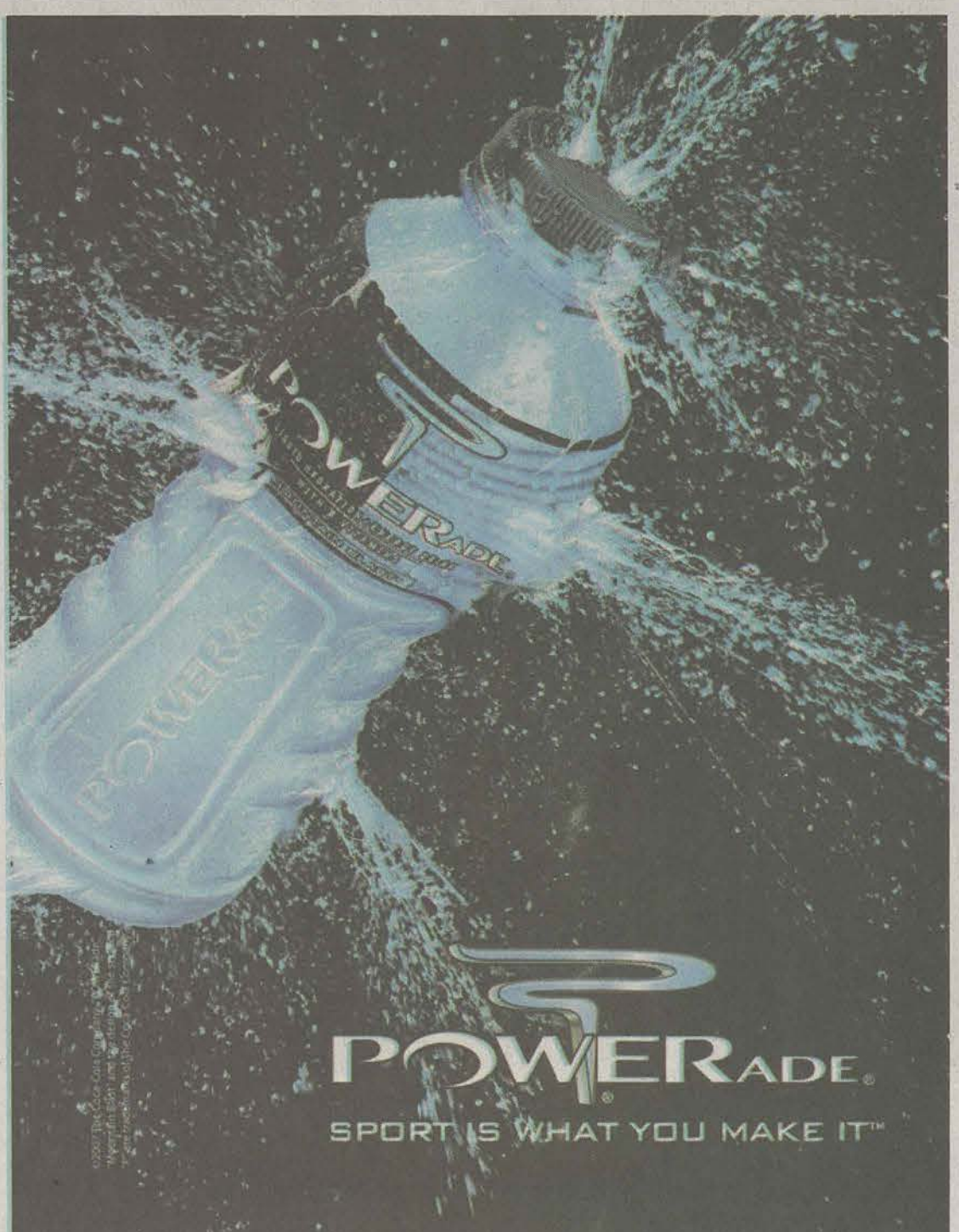
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GSU senior to present original work downtown

Exhibition is 'Only the Beginning' for Summer Record



Special Photo

Record's work elevate the mundane to the artistic.

GSU News Service

Georgia Southern Bachelor of Fine Arts candidate, Summer Record, will present her solo Senior Exhibition, 'Only the Beginning'.

The exhibition will run from April 27 - May 3 in the Legends Gallery of the Averitt Center for the Arts in downtown Statesboro, Georgia.

A reception for the artist will be held on Saturday, May 4, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Record is a graduate of Brookwood High School in Lawrenceville, Georgia and plans to graduate from GSU in May with a BFA degree with an emphasis in jewelry.

Having already designed a studio in her house, Record plans to be a studio artist and sell her works in galleries.

Only the Beginning, Record's current body of work, reflects her intention that she is at the beginning of her career as a creator of small

metal works.

Record has used the theme of bamboo in her work, which includes a set of tongs, salt and pepper shakers and a candy dish.

In addition, she will be showing a set of brooches and a necklace. She works in sterling silver, copper and enameling.

As an art major, Record originally intended to concentrate in drawing but after she took a jewelry course, she found it to be the ideal medium.

'Only the Beginning' Exhibition

When : April 27 - May 3

Where : Averitt Arts Center

Event is free and open to the public

Record said, "I enjoy working with my hands. I begin a project by drawing my ideas and then I make a paper model. I take a flat piece of metal and begin to move it into the shape. I find that the end result, after I have polished the piece, gives me an awesome feeling."

Record hopes that viewers will appreciate that her work is original, made by hand and not something a person can buy in a department store.

The exhibition is sponsored by the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art and is free and open to the public.

The Averitt Center for the Arts is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gallery programming in the department of art is supported by GSU Student Activity Fees.

For more information, contact the artist at srecord@georgiasouthern.edu.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 24, 2007

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Dr. John Weaver presentation
Education building 3160

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Movie: Stomp the Yard
Russell Union theatre

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

SGA meeting
Russell Union 2047

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Eagle Entertainment Dinner
Russell Union 2080

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Accounting Day
Nessmith - Lane ballroom

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Political science club meeting
Carroll building 2227

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Collegiate 4 - H
Russell Union 2071

7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Reformed fellowship meeting
IT auditorium 1004

Thursday, April 25, 2007

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Global Village meeting
Russell Union 2073

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Coleman study session
Hollis 2101

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Leadership banquet
Russell Union ballroom

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Movie: Stomp the Yard
Russell Union theater

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Jokers Wild elimination
Russell Union 2080

Symphony to perform free at Sweetheart Circle

GSU News Service

The Southern Georgia Symphony will present a free Pops Concert April 29, an event sponsored by the Statesboro Herald and Connect Statesboro.

The Southern Georgia Symphony, under the direction of Maestro Cheung Chau, will present "Mercer and the Movies," at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, at Sweetheart Circle on the Georgia Southern campus in Statesboro.

This free outdoor Pops Concert is sponsored by the Statesboro Herald and CONNECT Statesboro.com.

In case of rain, the event will be held in the Performing Arts Center. For more information, call the GSU music department at 681-5396.

"Mercer and the Movies" will include the music written and inspired by Savannah's own Johnny Mercer and his friends.

Song selections will include great hits from the American songbook including Moon River, Goody Goody, Theme from Laura, Skylark, Come Rain or Come Shine, Ac-cent-tchu-ate the Positive, Something's Gotta Give, You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby

Southern Georgia Symphony Concert

When: April 29 at 7 p.m.

Where: Sweetheart Circle

Contact GSU at 681-5396 for more information.

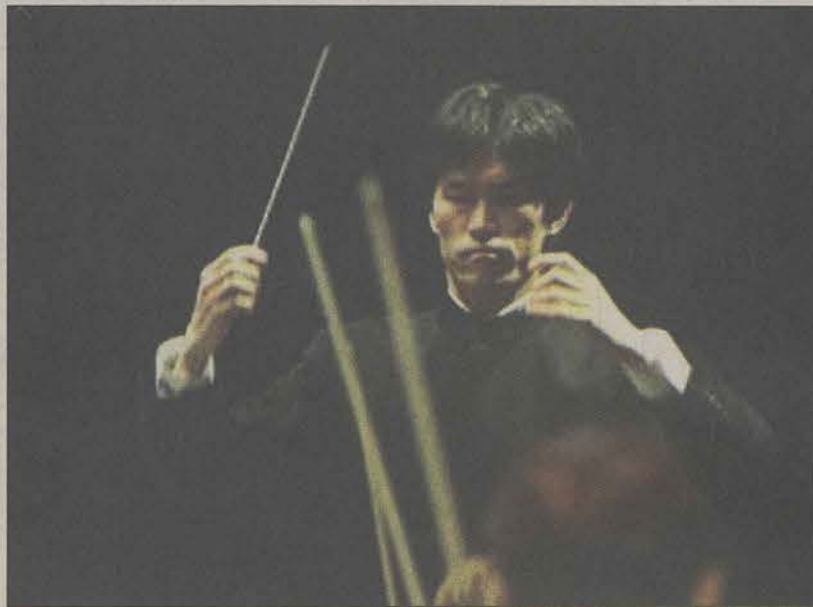
and Days of Wine and Roses and many more.

Special guest vocalists will be mezzo soprano Sarah Hancock and tenor Adam Kirkpatrick.

"This Pops Concert winds up our 2006-2007 season with a fitting tribute to local musical great," said Chau. "The program includes a wide selection of favorites that are sure to please everyone."

"We are proud to partner with the Statesboro Herald and CONNECT Statesboro.com on this event and hope everyone will gather their friends, family and a picnic basket to enjoy a great evening of music under the stars!"

More information about the Southern Georgia Symphony is available at www.SouthernGeorgiaSymphony.org.



Special Photo

Maestro Cheung Chau directs the Southern Georgia Symphony. The symphony will be performing a concert under the stars at Sweetheart Circle that is free and open to the public.

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"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."

- Anatole France

MY VIEW

Lessons learned from friends, faculty...class?

FINDING YOUR PATH: Despite college stress, these are the years you'll remember always



Rachel McDaniel

College is more than just the lessons learned in the classroom. There are so many more things to experience and realize. From freshman year to senioritis, there are many stages of college life, and you can learn from all of them.

As a freshman, you have to learn how to eat well, how to cook your own meals, what to buy at the grocery store and what doesn't agree with your stomach (you can't just eat jalapenos all day, Morgan).

You learn one of the most important lessons of college, time management. Making it to class or work on time is an important part of every day. Plus, planning homework

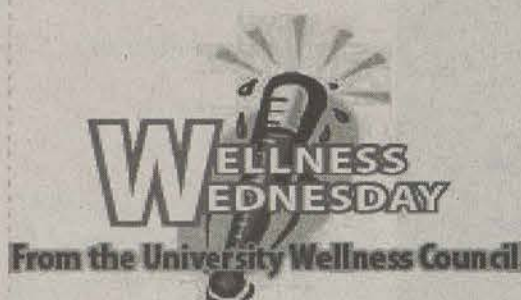
time and hangout time is part of learning to manage what is a rare commodity in college, time.

Learn how to be a good friend, and you'll have buddies to contact for a lifetime, someone you can depend on to tell your secrets and woes or just someone to have a beer with. Friends can help you get through tough times, like studying late into the night for a challenging test, or just being there to make sure you go work out at the RAC.

Professors can also have a great impact on students' lives, and Georgia Southern is full of professors who really care about the lives of their students. Stephanie Routman was

only at GSU for about a year, but she made a big impact on hundreds of students' lives. Even faculty can make an unforgettable impression, like Ms. Gladys Love, who has cleaned up after Student Media for so many years, and who never fails to put a smile on our faces.

Through all the lessons, you learn what is most important and what will help you most as you head into the real world, you learn to depend on yourself and have faith in your abilities. And don't forget to have fun. No matter how stressful your college years may be, these are times you will never forget.



Job search suggestions

Graduation is quickly approaching and many students are in the process of searching for that perfect job. Student qualifications, résumés and interviewing skills are essential components to the professional job search. Madie Queen, Employer Recruiter from GEICO and Whitley Boyd, Employer Recruiter from Enterprise Rent-A-Car, provided their input to commonly asked questions about job hunting.

When asked about what qualities they look for in candidates, Madie Queen responded that she looks for "someone with strong communication skills (written and verbal), a positive attitude, enthusiasm, dependability, computer skills, and commitment to the company." Whitley Boyd says that she "looks for someone that is seeking a career, not just a job. Someone with great communication skills, strong work ethic, flexibility, sales and customer service ability and someone that has demonstrated their leadership ability."

When asked about the most common mistakes seen on a résumé, Boyd responded that she often notices that students do not prioritize their information. She feels that a résumé should focus on one's most exceptional accomplishments first, then the less important accomplishments towards the bottom. Students should make sure that their information is presented so that a recruiter can easily scan over it quickly and grasp their work history and accomplishments. Queen states that she "sees spelling errors and objective statements not matching the position."

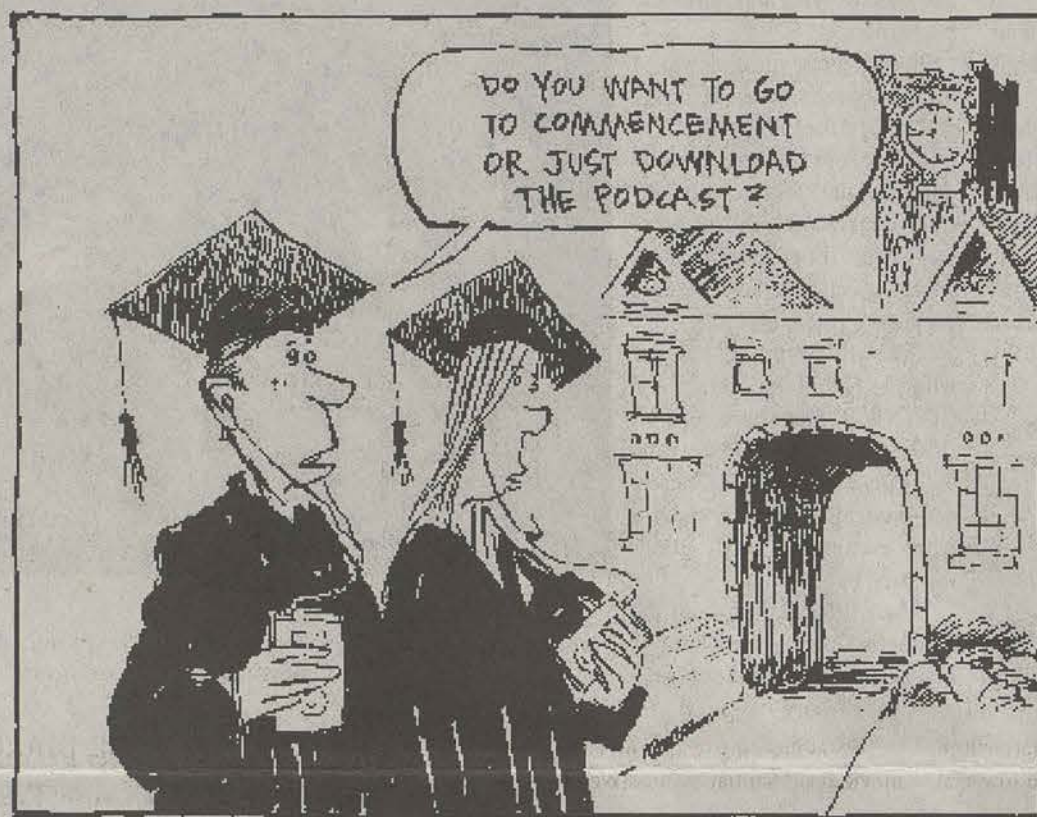
Finally, when asked what students can do to impress recruiters during an interview, Ms. Boyd responded that "Researching our company and discussing their career goals within our organization definitely stands out in an interview. Also, students often forget to 'close' during an interview. This is a crucial aspect of any interview and it leaves a lasting impression." Queen also added that she expects students to "show that they have done research on the company, show enthusiasm and tell why they are interested in our company."

In other words, to be successful with their job search, students should possess excellent communication skills, a strong work ethic, have an error free résumé that is prioritized, and definitely research the company. The job search process can be a full time job, and to be successful, Monster.com encourages job seekers to utilize a variety of strategies, including visiting the campus Career Center.

Career Services has contacts with recruiters and can assist students in locating job announcements, perfecting their résumé, and practicing interview skills.

Dorsey Baldwin, Recruitment Coordinator with Career Services recommends that "Students bring their résumés to Career Services to be critiqued and upload the final résumé on Eagle Career Net." Once a student's résumé is on Eagle Career Net, Career Services can refer the résumé to employers and students can register to possibly interview with companies coming to Georgia Southern. Mrs. Baldwin encourages students to use several job search strategies and not depend upon one strategy alone to locate jobs. If students have questions about their job search, they should contact Career Services at 912-681-5197.

Write to wellness@georgiasouthern.edu



Student Media Advisory Board announces new publication editors

The Student Media Advisory Board met Friday to choose the new leaders of Student Media for the 2006-2007 academic year.

The Advisory Board, chaired by interim Coordinator of Student Media Kelley Callaway and charged with handling the affairs of Student Media throughout the year, selected the new leaders for The George-Anne Daily, the Southern Reflector magazine, and the Miscellany magazine of the arts. Each person selected will serve in his or her capacity as editor for one year.

Those chosen to head The George-Anne Daily are: Justin Burris, executive

editor; Will Adams, managing editor for news; Jessica Martin, managing editor of operations; and Avina Darmadjaja, news editor.

Robert Greene II was chosen as editor in chief of the Southern Reflector magazine, and Anna Giles will serve as the editor in chief of the Miscellany.

The leaders are selected through an open application process. Those chosen Friday will lead Student Media in the coming year.

Although editors are chosen by the board, there is no formal application process for writers, any GSU student can apply.



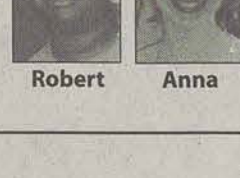
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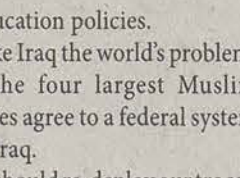
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Riley Wells | YOUR TURN

Troops deserve a plan for Iraq

John McCain stated recently, "The Iraq war is necessary and just and only our 'enemies' are cheering" when Democrats passed legislation setting a timetable for a troop withdrawal. John McCain has plenty of experience when it comes to foreign policy. But there is good experience and there is bad experience.



Riley Wells is a senior political science major from Winder, Ga.

He and the Bush Administration say that setting a timetable for troop withdrawal will "tell our enemies how long to wait." They are either too stubborn, or too stupid to admit that these people will wait 5, 10, 20, 200 years if need be.

I hardly anticipate the U.S.

public wanting troops there another 20 years.

Our troops deserve a policy. They deserve a plan. There is a cycle of self-sustaining sectarian violence that 20, 000, 50,000, not even 100,000 more troops will be able to stop.

Troops don't lose wars, bad policy loses wars and President Bush is leading us off a cliff.

Everyone says there is no military solution, but there is a political solution. The only solution that makes any sense is one proposed by Senator Joe Biden (D-Delaware) that proposes setting up a federal system that the Iraqi constitution calls for.

Separate the parties with limited central government, give them control of regions through their own police force, their own security

and education policies.

Make Iraq the world's problem. Have the four largest Muslim countries agree to a federal system inside Iraq.

We should re-deploy our troops to the outskirts of country to get them out of a civil war. Have a small force available to keep true al Qaeda at bay and to train Iraqi security forces. You do this by giving the Shi'ite, Kurds and Sunni equal control of the oil.

Surging more troops will not work, and pulling them out with no political solution or plan is ridiculous. I don't want to go to Iraq, and I don't want my children and grandchildren to go.

The way that we leave Iraq now is going to determine whether we have to revisit that area decades from now.

Robert Greene II I'M JUST SAYIN'

Work your mind's muscles for summer

As the school year winds down, it's easy to look forward to the summer and let your mind take a break from anything involving thought. Granted, a few of us will be taking summer classes, but the vast majority will find something to do besides think critically over the next few months.

While that's a very tempting prospect, just remember that the world around you will not stop during the summer, even if you do. Becoming lazy over the break is the worst thing you can do, especially in an age of readily available information. Now, while I may sound like a nerd, which I'm proud of, it is important to take advantage of your youth and vitality now, and learn more outside the classroom.

The easiest thing to do, and what many of us are planning, is to get a summer job. While we mainly do it for the money, take the time and think about the people that you meet, as well as the skills that you pick up. If you are working in retail especially, it offers an interesting chance to meet dozens, if not hundreds, of new people, just going in and out, getting goods that they need at that moment. More importantly, a job offers you plenty of experience useful on a resume for a future career.

But beyond that, the summer is a good time to catch up on reading. Yes, that's right, I said it: embrace the bane of our current existence, which is reading out of dusty, seemingly obsolete pieces of paper put together for our collective boredom.

The greatest threat to any civilization is a lack of knowledge of the world outside of it. Reading books, especially about current events, would help anyone learn more and finally make opinions beyond the bile-filled shouting fests presented on television. Read a newspaper, perhaps a few news magazines, and even the news. You'll be informed about issues that affect our nation, from events in the Middle East to troubles on our own streets. Far too many Americans waste information right at their fingertips, and decide to spend their time woofing down the latest trashy celebrity headlines that have nothing to do with their lives.

Working out your brain over the summer will have you ready for any late breaking news that arises during the break. As I wrote earlier, the world doesn't stop when our schooling does. Stay informed, otherwise you'll be caught off guard by events in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and even in your own backyard. Talk to others about what's going on, and don't get angry when they disagree with you. Instead, learn why they feel the way they do. I've noticed that real life tends to be more civil than the debating shows on television, and that people don't tell others to shut up as much as Bill O'Reilly does on his program, so it's not much of risk to ask friends and loved ones, "Well, what do you think about that?"

Being informed makes a difference for the future. An informed populace can make informed decisions at the polls, in their own lives, and in the lives of others. It is not enough to think about issues when they are causing a crisis for the nation. Instead, thinking ahead of the situation will lead to a solution. A well informed populace could give us a better government than what we have in Washington.

Each and every one of us has the chance to make ourselves into model citizens. Does that mean running for office and trying to win an election every two years? No. It does mean learning about what's going on in the world, and thinking of ways to contribute to the solution, instead of sitting on the sidelines and becoming part of the problem. So pick up a book over the break, and work out your mind.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Tillman's brother accuses Pentagon



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Kevin Tillman, brother of Pat Tillman who was killed in Afghanistan by friendly fire, testifies in Washington, DC, about the Department of Defense's handling of the case.

The brother of Pat Tillman, the soldier who saw Tillman die and the naval officer who eulogized him told Congress in emotional testimony Tuesday that the military misled the nation and betrayed Tillman's family with false stories about how the former NFL star and San Jose native died.

Kevin Tillman, who served with his brother in an Army Ranger platoon, went further. With his mother, Mary Tillman, at his side and military brass sitting behind him, he accused leaders of "exploiting Pat's death" with "deliberate, calculated lies" that suppressed how other Rangers killed Tillman in a 2004 friendly fire incident in Afghanistan.

"This wasn't a misstep or error in judgment. The Army tried to hijack his virtue and legacy. It was simply horrific," said Kevin Tillman, who was

speaking in public for the first time about his brother's death and how news about it was handled by the military. The purpose of the embellished story, he charged, was to deflect Americans' attention from some unsavory aspects of the war in Iraq, and that it worked for a while.

Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif., of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee said his panel was looking into other "friendly fire" incidents and how the military handled information and informed families. Mary Tillman agreed the scope of the inquiry should go beyond her noteworthy son: "This really isn't about our family or about Pat. It's about what they did to the nation. They're diminishing true heroism."

Waxman and his panel also heard from Jessica Lynch, the 19-year-old

Army supply clerk captured during the first month of the Iraq war and then rescued by U.S. forces. Lynch testified Tuesday that Pentagon accounts depicting her as a "G.I. Jane" emptying her rifle at Iraqi soldiers before her capture were a public-relations fabrication.

Lynch said she has been battling "misinformation and hype" since she returned from Iraq, badly injured, to discover a media depiction of her as "the little girl Rambo from the hills of West Virginia who went down fighting. It was not true."

The Defense Department's inspector general, Thomas Gimble, defended his investigation into the handling of Tillman's death. He noted that his March report found fault with nine officers including four generals and that they face possible punishment.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

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Compelling Explanations

- Ricardo Meana, 81, was charged with attempted murder in November in Sun City, Fla., when his 82-year-old wife, who has Alzheimer's, was found inside a van in a store's parking lot struggling with the plastic bag over her head. Police were called, but Meana seemed unconcerned and even nonchalantly resumed shopping, saying that he often put the bags on when his wife felt sick, so that she would not vomit on herself.
- Not Our Fault: In 2002, Jeffrey Klein and Brett Birdwell, both 17 at the time, trespassed onto a railroad yard in Lancaster, Pa., and climbed atop a boxcar to see what the view was like, but were severely burned by a 12,500-volt line on the roof and thus sued Amtrak and Norfolk Southern railroads for not having done enough to prevent them from trespassing. In October, a federal jury awarded the two men a total of about \$12 million in compensatory damages plus \$12 million in punitive damages.

The Laws of Irony

- University of California, Irvine, professor Elizabeth Loftus, a prominent scholar on people's overconfidence about memory, was turned down by the judge as an expert witness in November in the forthcoming trial of "Scooter" Libby (Vice President Cheney's former assistant, who has been charged with lying to prosecutors about phone conversations, which Libby says weren't lies but just forgetfulness). At a hearing on Loftus' credentials, prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald not only exposed some problems with her research but elicited from Loftus the confident assertion that the two had never before met. However, Fitzgerald then immediately refreshed Loftus' memory, reminding her that he had cross-examined her in court once before.

NATIONAL NEWS

Real fire breaks out on scene of "Batman"

A fire Tuesday morning on the upper floors of Chicago's vacant former post office interrupted filming of an upcoming "Batman" sequel and caused a surreal scene of costumed Gotham City detectives wandering among Chicago firefighters and police.

The fire was not related to the filming, officials said.

The blaze was called in about 11:20 a.m. local time at the sprawling, 14-story building, Chicago Fire

Department Chief Jose Santiago said.

The structure used to house the city's main post office but is currently unoccupied. Part of the ground floor has been transformed into the "Gotham National Bank."

Santiago said the blaze appeared to have started in a ventilation unit on the 14th floor of the tower at Van Buren and Canal Streets. The building's sprinkler system was activated, and firefighters were able

to keep the flames from spreading to other floors.

Although the exact cause of the fire was under investigation, Santiago said the ventilation system was old and firefighters have responded there numerous times in the past.

"It had nothing to do with (the movie set)," Santiago said. "We've had several fires in this location."

Filming is expected to resume Wednesday, he added.

WORLD NEWS

Hundreds bid farewell to former president Boris Yeltsin

Hundreds of people have been queuing up in front of the Cathedral of Christ the Savior to bid farewell to the deceased first president of Russia, and over a thousand mourners have already paid tribute, a police spokesman said Tuesday.

Boris Yeltsin, who has been both praised as a champion of democratic reforms and criticized for impoverishing millions, died Monday of heart failure at the age of 76, and will be buried at the Novodevichy cemetery in Moscow Wednesday.

A 500-meter long queue has formed in front of the cathedral, where a memorial service was held Tuesday afternoon. Police allowed

mourners into the church in groups and said access to the cathedral would be provided all night. Many mourners left the cathedral with tears in their eyes.

The latest reports said the Russian Foreign Ministry has started a book of condolences, where the heads of diplomatic missions and offices of international organizations, as well as diplomats and foreigners would be able to leave messages Tuesday and Wednesday. A ministry spokesman said similar books would be available at Russian Embassies abroad, where Russian flags will fly at half-mast Wednesday.

The Novodevichy cemetery,

which dates back to the 16th century, is a burial ground for many Russian and Soviet writers, composers, scientists and politicians. Among other tombs, there are the graves of writers Anton Chekhov and Nikolai Gogol, composers Sergei Prokofiev and Dmitri Shostakovich, theater director Konstantin Stanislavski, filmmaker Sergei Eisenstein, Lazar Kaganovich, one of Stalin's closest allies, and Nikita Khrushchev, a Soviet leader.

Army General Alexander Lebed was buried there in 2002, and Raisa Gorbachev, the wife of the only surviving Soviet president, was laid to rest there in 1999.

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Mexico City legislature expected to legalize abortions

Mexico City's local legislature is expected to legalize abortion in the capital on Tuesday. In so doing, they'll make it possible for anyone willing to travel to Mexico City to abort an unwanted pregnancy.

The Bush administration has quietly increased back-channel contacts with Iran in recent months, in hopes of making progress next week at a meeting of Iraq's neighbors in Egypt.

But Tehran wants Washington to

The legislature, dominated by the opposition Party of the Democratic Revolution, is defying President Felipe Calderon, of the National Action Party, who has opposed the law.

free five Iranian operatives seized by U.S. forces in northern Iraq in January, and it isn't clear that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice can deliver.

So it isn't certain her counterpart, the Iranian foreign minister, will come.

Canadian detainee to face charges

Clearing the way for a new military commission at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Pentagon is expected Tuesday to announce charges against Canadian captive Omar Khadr, accused of killing a U.S.

Army medic as a crime of war.

The Toronto-born teen is also apparently the sole remaining citizen of a Western ally nation who would be charged before the war court.

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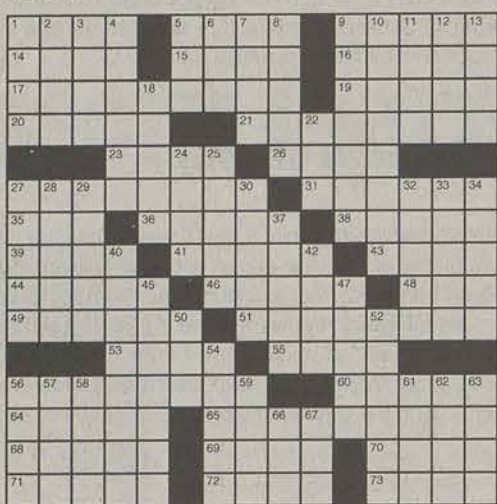
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14 Mature
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21 Decorates with a raised design and crafts
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SPORTS

Who's
HOT

MLB: Alex Rodriguez. The New York Yankees third baseman tied a league record for most homeruns in the month of April with 14, doing so in only 18 games. He reached the mark by hitting two in a 10-8 loss to Tampa Bay on Monday night.

Who's
NOT

MLB: Torii Hunter. The Twin's Hunter broke the "Gift For Defeating Competing Club" rule by sending four bottles of champagne to a teammates stall after the season-ending win over Detroit last season. Unfortunately, the champagne had to be sent back.

NBA
playoffs
unkind to
sports fans

Even if you define yourself as a big sports fan, it's OK not to care about the NBA playoffs right now.

Really, it is. And it's not your fault, either. It's the NBA's.

The playoffs are way, way too long at this point. If it's not bad enough

that opening series are best-of-seven now (as opposed to best-of-five, which they used to be), the NBA is determined not to let playoff games overlap so each can be seen in its entirety on national television.

The playoffs last two months — two months! — which is hardly enough time for Alec Baldwin to leave his 12-year-old daughter a nasty voicemail.

The best-of-seven format is probably here to stay, and I don't really have a problem with it.

It gives an unfair advantage to weaker teams — it's much easier to take three of five from a better squad than it is to take four of seven. Last year's Los Angeles Lakers, who were clearly in the lower echelon of 2006 Western Conference playoff teams, would have won their series with the Phoenix Suns if it was a best-of-three format.

Instead, the better team came back to win. Fans benefitted from seeing Suns-Mavericks in the conference finals rather than the overmatched Lakers giving Kobe extra time in the limelight.

But the NBA needs to get over itself when it comes to the playoff scheduling. Seriously. How many years will all eight first-round matchups actually be worth watching on a night-in, night-out basis?

This year, for example, I don't feel compelled to watch the Cavs-Wizards series. Without Gilbert Arenas, the Wizards have about as much chance of beating LeBron and Co. as I do of winning Wimbledon and getting a victory kiss from Maria Sharapova.

And Nets-Raptors? Fans in Toronto care so they can mercilessly boo Vince Carter (as they should), but nobody else south of the Canadian border and west of the New Jersey Turnpike cares.

As a matter of fact, fans could probably do without telecasts of the entire Eastern Conference playoffs. It's just a race to see who will lose in the Finals to a Western Conference team.

I, for one, do enjoy watching the eastern bracket — but only because I'm a Bulls fan.

But what happened after the Chicago's game one win over the defending-champion Miami Heat on Saturday? A two-day layoff so the league could get the other games on TV by themselves.

Why not just let the teams play back-to-back games, or at least only one day off?

If people are forced to choose between some lame series between teams nobody cares about (like the aforementioned Nets-Raptors series) and one everyone knows will be good, like Spurs-Nuggets, is that such a bad deal?

Consumers like choices, and the only one the NBA is giving its fans right now is to watch the only game on or not watch a game at all.

I guess you could watch hockey playoffs instead, but, rumor has it, those games aren't even carried in most American cable markets.

Bummer.



Zac Case

MY OPINION

Tennis struggles at SoCon tourney, fall after second round

GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern men's tennis team defeated The Citadel 4-2 in the first round of the Southern Conference Tournament before falling 4-1 to College of Charleston in round two. The women's tennis team fell 4-0 in the first round.

In Friday's first round match up, the men's team took the doubles point thanks to wins from Philip Prins/Borja Malet over Derek Jose/Alberto Diaz at No. 2 and Matthew Sands/Neil Shine over Trent Graham/Fred-

eric Petrilli at No. 3. Both doubles pairs won 8-2.

In singles play, Prins defeated Jose 6-2, 6-2 at No. 4. Sands captured a No. 5 win 6-2, 6-4 over Petrilli and Malet won 6-2, 6-0 over Graham at No. 6. Joris De Weerd fell 6-4, 6-2 at No. 1 to Daniel Dossetor and Emmanuel Nkoueleue lost 6-1, 6-4 to James Eason at No. 2.

The No. 1 doubles and No. 3 singles matches were unfinished due to tournament time constraints.

On day two, GSU got a point from Sands'

6-3, 3-6, 3-0 No. 5 singles win over Steven Myers.

Greg Bekkers fell 6-1, 6-2 at No. 3 singles to Omer Abramovich. Prins dropped the No. 4 match 6-1, 6-0 to Justin Malina. Malet lost 6-3, 6-2 to Perry Allen at No. 6.

The No. 2 and 3 doubles pairs each fell 9-7. Prins/Malet dropped the No. 2 to Abramovich/Allen match while Sands/Shine fell at No. 3 to Jimmy Petit/Malina.

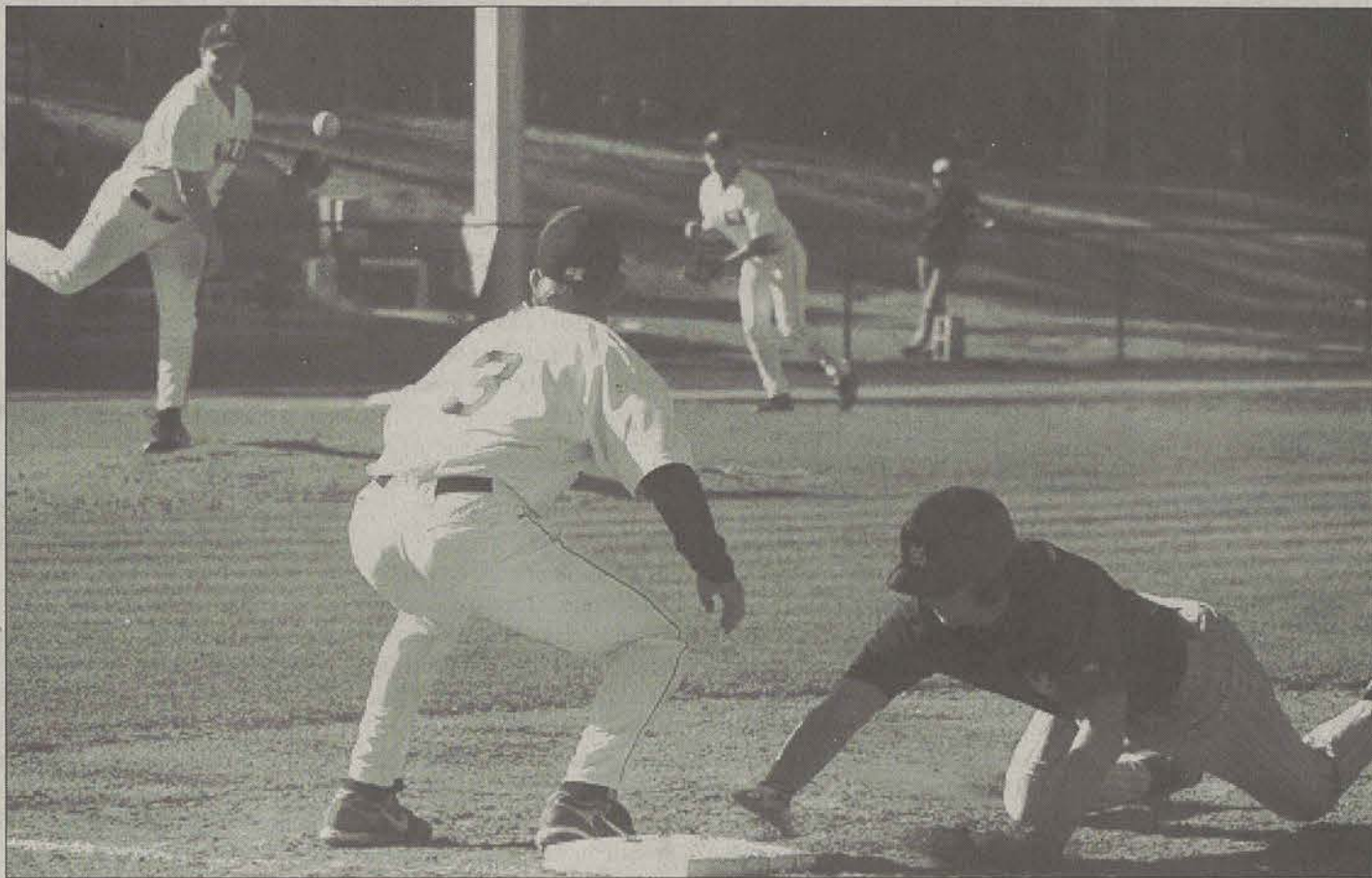
The No. 1 doubles and Nos. 1 & 2 singles matches were unfinished.

The Lady Eagles were swept in doubles

action, as Molly Maddox/Christine Caforio fell 8-1 to Kim Whelan/Kelsey Linville at No. 1. Jessica Matlosz/Jessica Fuller dropped the No. 3 match 8-2 to Michelle Fanny/Lora Dushanova. The No. 2 match was unfinished due to tournament time constraints.

In singles action, Maddox fell 6-1, 6-0 to Linville at No. 1. Heather Reynolds dropped the No. 3 match 6-1, 6-2 to Virginia Berry. At No. 5, Shea Huxtable lost 6-2, 6-0 to Lora Dushanova.

The Nos. 2, 4 and 6 matches were unfinished due to time constraints.



Jamie Tuten/STAFF

Freshman A.J. Wirsberger prepares to catch a ball from pitcher John Ducey to get a Furman runner out in a recent game at J.I. Clements Stadium.

Eagles pounce Panthers

Southern uses early lead to secure win over Georgia State

By Lelan Washington
Staff writer

Josh Lairsey allowed just one earned run in eight innings of work pitching Georgia Southern past Georgia State 9-4, Tuesday night at J.I. Clements Stadium. The Eagles, who won their third straight, improved to 23-22 overall as they begin an eight-game homestand.

Eagles' defense and pitching was on key as they kept the Panthers shut out after the third until they allowed one insignificant run in the ninth. Not to mention, the Panther's play was pretty sloppy which allowed the Eagles to get the win off some wild pitching errors.

In the first, Jeremiah Parker prolonged his hitting streak to 10 games with a two run homer closing out the inning up 3-0. That's his fifth of the year.

Then in the second, Southwell and Richardson advanced to second and third off a wild pitch. Following that, in a pickoff attempt to

third base the pitcher's throw hit off the helmet of Southwell and rolled into centerfield allowing both runners to score widening a bigger gap to a 5-0 lead.

But the Panthers responded in the third when Nick Pyron reached on a catching interference and Bradley Logan stroked one over the fence for a two-run homer. Two batters later, Charlie Pelt pelted his ball out of the park for his ninth on the year shortening the lead down to 5-3. But that was about all the roaring the Panthers had for the night.

The Eagles immediately responded at the bottom of the third as Matt Miller dropped a base hit, advanced to second off a wild pitch, moved to third off Justin Klinger's single up the middle, and finally brought in off Chris Shehan's sacrifice fly. They ended that inning increasing their lead back up three runs to 6-3.

Things continued to go well for the Eagles completing a 1-6-3 double play at the top of

the fifth, then scored another three runs at the bottom. This was the result when Griffin Benedict got hit, Miller reached on a base hit, Parker got hit, and then with the bases loaded, a wild pitch allowed Benedict to score. Kyle Blackburn's sac fly scored Miller followed by Shehan's RBI double to the warning track to score Parker. Aside from a run allowed in the ninth, that would do it for the Panthers who couldn't quite get it together.

Lairsey did have it together today only giving up three runs off seven hits with seven KOs in eight innings. He picked up his second career win, a much needed one since his first over a year ago in February of 2006.

"I tried to stay within myself," he said. "A lot of times this year I've struggled trying to do too much or make that perfect pitch when tonight I just let my defense play for me," he said.

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Eagles
Named
NSCA All-
American
Athletes

GSU News Service

The National Strength and Conditioning Association announced Monday, April 23, the naming of Charrod Taylor (football), Larry Beard (football) and Emily Greeson (track & field) as recipients of the All-American Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year award.

Recognizing the student-athlete's high standard of dedication to strength training and conditioning, the NSCA awarded three Eagles as part of a group of 239 student-athletes from 165 schools from across the nation. Student-athletes were nominated by their strength and conditioning coach based upon athletic, academic and personal accomplishments and integrity.

Charrod Taylor (Miami, Fla./Clarke Central, Ga.), a defensive lineman on the Eagle football squad, was named to the All-Southern Conference First Team at the conclusion of his senior year. He started in his 10 games played on the D-line and ranked second on the team with 48 tackles. His teammates voted him as the winner of the 'Dedication Award' his senior season.

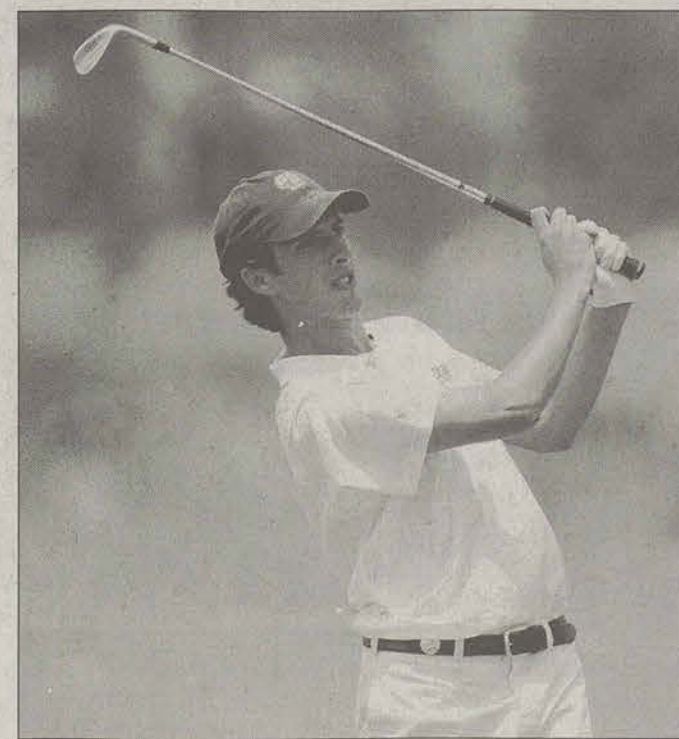
"Charrod dedicated himself to the weight room and his commitment has paid off," said Tom Melton, assistant athletic director over Athletic Performance at Georgia Southern. "He was selected as second team All-Southern Conference in 2005 and first team All-Southern Conference in 2006. Charrod is not only a great athlete, he is also a great person and leader."

Larry Beard (Fairburn, Ga./Sandy Creek) played in all 11 games as a sophomore on the defensive line, starting six of the last seven contests. He made 21 tackles, including five for a loss.

"Larry's hard work allowed him to see playing time in all 12 games as a redshirt freshman and earn Freshman Player of the Week honors in the Southern Conference," said strength and conditioning coach Matt Lombardi. "Since then, he has continued to develop and has become a starter. Larry's performance as a sophomore in the squat ranks sixth in school history and his hang clean ranks seventh."

Emily Greeson (Calhoun, Ga./Gordon Central), one of GSU's top

see **NSCA**, page 8



Special Photo

Senior Bryan Jones watches his ball as it sails toward the green. Jones ended the tournament +1 overall.

GSU News Service

The Georgia Southern golf team finished in second place at the Southern Conference Championship, Tuesday afternoon, at the par-72, 7,062-yard Country Club of South Carolina.

The Eagles finished the day shooting a 5-over 293, the third lowest score of the day, and finished the tournament 9-over 873.

No. 38 Chattanooga came out on top, winning its first SoCon championship since 1987, nine strokes ahead of the next competitor finishing at even-par 864. Winning the individual title was J.D. Bass of UNC Greensboro, tying a tournament low 68 on the day and finishing 3-under 213.

Three individual Eagles finished in the top 10 at the conclusion of the tournament. Junior Drew Lethem (Overland Park, Kan.) shot a 73 in the third round and paced the GSU squad with a final score of 1-over 217. Lethem was named to the SoCon

All-Tournament team for his top-five performance.

Senior Bryan Jones (Atlanta, Ga.) was named to the SoCon All-Conference team, his second such honor during his collegiate career. Jones shot the team's lowest score on the day, an even-par 72, and finished the tournament tied for eighth place along with sophomore teammate Jordan Johnston (Evans, Ga.), both carding a total 2-over 218.

Sophomore Ryan LeFevre (Boca Raton, Fla.) finished the tournament tied for 23rd, shooting an 8-over 224. Junior Chris Smith (Alpharetta, Ga.) shot a birdie on the second hole and finished tied for 28th carding a total 9-over 225.

"We played three fairly solid rounds," said head coach Larry Mays. "We went up there to win the tournament, but individually, having three of our guys finish in the top ten is good."



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all-time throwers, is second on GSU's all-time outdoor shot put list with a throw of 46' 2.5", just ¾" behind the school record.

As a senior this year, she was named to the All-Southern Conference team in both indoor and outdoor events, with top-three performances in the hammer throw and shot put.

"Emily has been an excellent role model by illustrating how hard work and dedication in the weight room can transfer to competition," said Lombardi. "Along with impressive lifting stats, including a 215 lb. split jerk, Emily has also excelled on the track. She ranks among the top five in school history in the shot put, weight throw and hammer throw. Emily was also selected all Southern Conference in 2006."



Greenson

Baseball

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Parker stepped up in left field, who hadn't played [there] all year, made a huge catch [that] helped me get through that inning and pretty much the game.

"I'm not a dominant type of pitcher who's gonna' strike ten or eleven out," he explained, "I'm a big ground ball/pop-up type who's gonna' let my defense step up. That's how I get through the game."

Coach Hennon was quite pleased about last night's outcome.

"We got an outstanding effort from Josh Lairsey on the mound," Coach said.

"We took a good approach off their starter and were able to jump out to a lead and just play good sound baseball."

Seven Eagles made it on base while four of them put up RBIs led by Shehan and Parker who each had two.

Lairsey, by far, turned in his best performance of the year. The senior left-hander not only recorded his first win of the season, but his first

since February 2006 – a span of 27 appearances.

Lairsey gave up three runs, but just one earned, on seven hits in eight innings of work.

His struck out seven equaled his fourth-highest strikeout total.

In the process Lairsey recorded his 200th career K, now at 205.

Neither pitchers, Lairsey or Nation allowed a walk out of 143 pitches thrown.

The Panthers scratched out a run with two outs in the ninth for the final margin.

But the night belonged to Lairsey.

"I didn't try to get ahead of myself, just do what I was capable of doing and let the defense play for me. (Jeremiah) Parker made a big catch... that helped me get through not only that inning but the game. It's a relief (getting the first win) but I don't want to stop there," said Lairsey.

"From this day on hopefully things turn around. I think today's win is huge, especially coming off last weekend when we battled back twice with our backs in the corner

(winning 2-of-3 at Appalachian State). We came out swinging tonight and built a little confidence. Today I wanted to be the one to step up and help continue to build our confidence as we continue to climb up the ladder."

Coach Hennon is hopeful about tonight's game.

"It's important that we come out tomorrow and hopefully we can do some of the same things we did today. We'll start with Ducey and try to give him some runs to work with and try to stay with the same formula that worked today."

Seven different Eagles recorded a hit as Parker and Shehan both had two RBI. Benedict, Miller and Parker scored two runs apiece.

Pelt and Logan had three hits each as the Panthers actually out-hit GSU 9-7.

Starter Bobby Bennett (1-5) was charged for eight runs – seven earned – on five hits in four innings. He walked four.

GSU finishes its two-game series against the Panthers this afternoon. The first pitch scheduled for 4 p.m.

Free tosses one hitter, Softball blanks UNCG

By Zac Case
Sports editor

Georgia Southern avoided a sweep as senior Logan Free threw a one-hit shutout to lead the Eagles to a 1-0 Southern Conference softball victory over UNC Greensboro Sunday at Eagle Field.

GSU (22-26, 7-7 SoCon) lost twice to UNCG (25-31, 5-10 SoCon) on Saturday. The teams combined for just four runs total in three games.

"I thought we came out today and played well," said GSU head coach Natalie Poole. "It was important to come out and get a win from them and we felt like we were capable of (that)."

Free (8-11) walked three and struck out seven. She allowed just

runner past second base and retired the last 10 batters she faced.

"I thought that Logan did a great job today," Poole added. "She came out strong and might have performed better than yesterday. She gave us an opportunity to win."

Free was on the losing end of a 2-0 decision Saturday when she allowed three hits and one earned run.

UNCG starter Vanessa Oakes (10-10), who threw a five-hit shutout Saturday, fanned 11, walked none and gave up five hits and the one run.

GSU got the only run it needed in the second. Freshman Jenny Side doubled to lead off the inning and went to third on a sacrifice from teammate Sam Russo and was plated on the next play with a RBI single from Katie Smith

The Eagles were able to get another runner on base when Michelle Beasley hit a single left field but UNCG pitcher Vanessa Oakes ended the threat with two strikeouts to end the inning.

UNCG tried to respond in the top of the third. GSU pitcher walked Lindsey Wilson to start the inning.

Wilson advanced to second with a stolen base and moved to third base when Mary Greenway grounded out to the shortstop.

The Spartans couldn't manage to plate Wilson and ended the inning when Adriane Audley struck out.

GSU tried to add to their tally in the third and started the inning with a leadoff double from senior Heather Smith. She advanced to third with a sacrifice bunt but the inning ended with a fly out and a pop out.

UNCG again had an opportunity for a run in the fourth inning. With two outs and Brandi Schnute on first base, Kara Clouser hit a single through right side and advanced Schnute to second base but the inning ended with a strikeout from Brittany Ausley.

"We did enough to manufacture the run we needed, so I'm proud of that," Poole said. "It was a little better at the plate, although we had quite a few strikeouts. But some of them made better adjustments which made a difference."

Smith extended her seven-game hitting streak with a 2-for-3 performance at the plate.

The Eagles return to action next weekend when they travel to Western Carolina for a three-game set starting Saturday.

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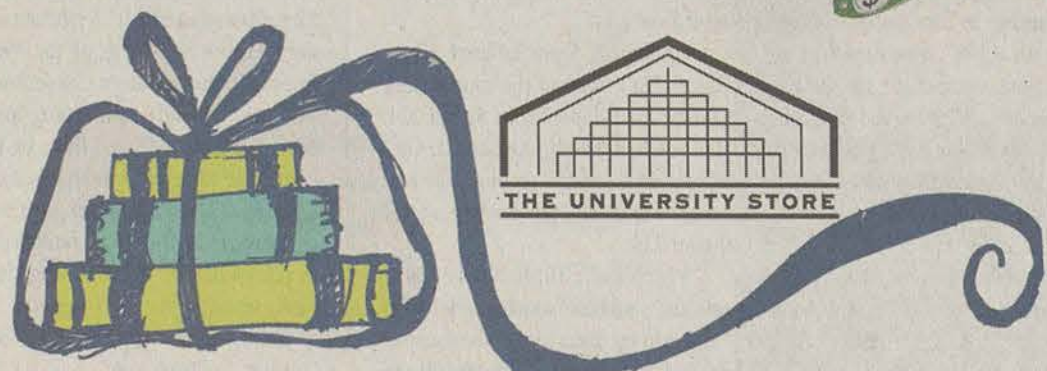
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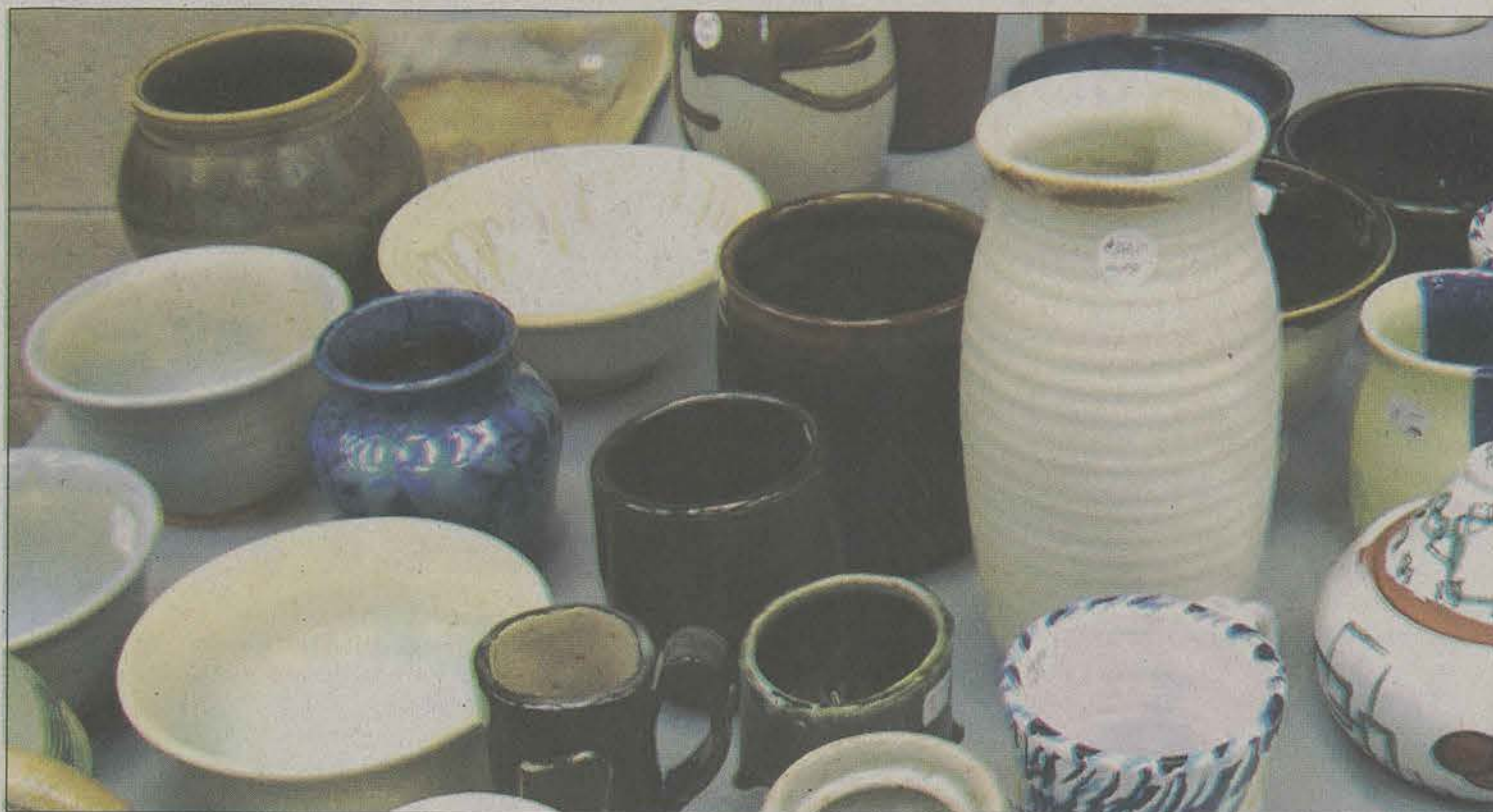
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Students hand-made art for sale

GSU News Service

Now in its 23rd year, the highly anticipated Annual Club Mud Spring Sale and Exhibition will once again offer the public an opportunity to view and purchase original artworks created by students enrolled in the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art.

This show and sale features work from art students in a variety of media: ceramics, jewelry and small metals.

Professor of ceramics, Jane Pleak, began this sales and exhibition opportunity with her students 23 years ago as a learning activity sponsored by the ceramics student organization, Club Mud.

"The opportunity to turn the studio into a gallery offers the students a chance to enter into the business of art. Learning about the marketplace, meeting the public and offering a product for exhibition and sale are essential components of being

a functional and successful artist. Reaching out to their community and their audience is a necessary process in students' growth as artists and craftspeople," said Pleak. "Through this annual event, the students understand the practical hands-on work needed to operate a full-time studio."

This educational experience for art students also benefits the community by providing a venue in which to purchase hand-made art.

Artwork prices range from \$5 to several hundred and students receive 80 percent of the sale price, with 20 percent of each sale being used to fund visiting artists and student travel to professional conferences.

Both graduate and undergraduate students participate in this event. All students and faculty involved in the sale volunteer their time in order to make this event possible.

Ceramic students will be selling beautiful and unique hand-made pottery and sculpture that is both

functional and decorative. The ceramic works on display will highlight the students' broad range of ceramic techniques taught in the ceramics program, under the direction of Pleak.

Patrons can expect to see richly colored glazes and decoration on dinnerware, mugs, candleholders, vases, sculpture and much more.

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This event is free. The community

is welcome and is encouraged to visit the studio, meet with the student artists and view their artwork.

For further information, please call the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art at 912-681-5358; Jane Pleak, 912-486-7473; or Christina Lemon, 912-681-5299.

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'Integrity' test

Watchdog for online piracy trains at University of Central Florida

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WASHINGTON - The music industry's next weapon against online piracy is being tested at the University of Central Florida - a new front in the battle to stop college students from stealing music and movies.

School officials have confirmed that the campus is experimenting with a new watchdog program designed to prevent students from using computers to swap copyright-protected files.

Developed at the University of Florida, the "Integrity" program tracks data transfers between computers, searching for code patterns that indicate users are illegally transferring material.

Once located, the program automatically tells students they've been caught.

Depending on the school, this can lead to a range of punishments, such as a temporary ban from the system.

"It's like having a police car at every intersection," said Gregory Marchwinski, chief executive officer of Red Lambda, which developed the program and is now based in Longwood, Fla.

Even so, Marchwinski said the Integrity program is not a silver bullet that can stop an underground practice that has gotten more pervasive since students first traded files on Napster in the early 2000s.

"Illegal downloading is not going away," Marchwinski said.

Despite technological advances with programs such as Integrity, online pirates always seem to stay one step ahead in the online cat-and-mouse game.

The result is about one billion illegally downloaded songs a month, said Eric Garland, CEO

of BigChampagne, a California-based research firm that tracks online transfers of music.

The pace more than doubles the illegal transfers of five years ago and about equals the legal number of 99-cent songs that industry giant iTunes should expect to sell this year, Garland said.

"It's higher than ever among young people," Garland said.

Not necessarily because more users are swiping songs, but because better technology allows fewer people to download more music.

For the record companies, the loss of these customers can be especially damaging because young buyers used to spend the most money on albums as they searched for a favorite genre of music, he said.

"We are talking about billions of dollars in lost sales, thousands of lost jobs, countless lost career opportunities and major barrier to the growth of a legitimate online marketplace," said RIAA President Cary Sherman, testifying before Congress in March.

Recently, U.S. Rep. Ric Keller of Orlando introduced a measure that would help colleges pay for programs that can stop or limit online piracy on their campus servers.

"This is the kinder, gentler approach we're starting with," the Republican lawmaker said. But he warned more punitive steps would follow if colleges did not make a good-faith effort to curb the practice.

Among the options, he said, would be eliminating the long-standing immunity that universities have from copyright lawsuits - opening the door for a legal battle between colleges and the music industry.

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By only having it in several cities, including Atlanta, they hope to raise the number of people at each site, thus giving more media awareness, political influence and potential to result in change that will allow the invisible children to return to their homes safely.

"We Americans tend to look at only one event at a time. Currently, for example, we are focusing on Darfur," said George Cox, political science professor at Georgia Southern.

"But there is an international crisis of refugees that needs to be solved before it becomes permanent.

It will be like having ghettos in global levels."

Rebecca Marshall, a freshman exercise science major, is planning to attend the Displace Me event in Atlanta this weekend.

"GSU students should attend this event because the more people attend, the more attention there is going to be brought upon this issue," said Marshall.

Being "displaced" for a night will definitely be uncomfortable, but Marshall thinks it's nothing compared to what the children of Uganda experienced.

"After watching the thousands of children literally sleeping on top of each other, I realized how much I take for granted having a safe and comfortable place to sleep every

night," said Marshall.

Marshall called the experience of watching the documentary "life changing and worthwhile". The ultimate goal of the Invisible Children Inc. is to try and get peace talks between the government of Uganda and the LRA.

According to the Invisible Children Web site, this goal is going to be realized this upcoming Thursday, April 26, when the two will finally resume peace talks.

The original "Invisible Children" documentary, which sparked this movement, was made by Invisible Children founders Jason Russell, Laren Poole and Bobby Bailey.

For more information regarding the nationwide event, visit www.invisiblechildren.com/displaceMe.

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chapter members in the performance of essential duties and diverting resources of time, efforts and money of the chapter.

However, some fraternity members still don't understand the reasons behind the banning of little sister groups.

"I think the banning of little sisters is ridiculous. Little sister programs are developed to support fraternities," said Jeff Isom, a member of Delta Tau Delta.

"Without them, some of the fraternities' successes are not possible."

To prevent situations like this, Lewis suggests for students to review the rules and policies prior to getting involved in any organizations.



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Junior Tara Noyes, Sophomore Liz House and Senior Lisa Perkins burst into laughter during a Sigma Kappa meeting where they prepared for rush week August 28, 2002 inside McDonnell Douglas Hall on the Saint Louis University Campus in Missouri.

Class

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It is a slogan that this week, more than ever, has become a symbol of hope and determination.

Classrooms on Monday were not for teaching. They were for listening. With more than 200 professional counselors on hand, most of them volunteers from across the country, professors gave students a chance to vent their feelings and used the time to reassure them that help was there if they needed it.

Officials said classrooms were 75 percent full. The mood was somber, they said, but students were engaged in the discussions. Yellow tape still marked Norris Hall as a crime scene, and school officials said it was unlikely that classes would be held there again.

Many students said they still weren't sure whether they would stay on campus or use their current grade in each class as their final grade, an option offered by the university.

Paul Swanson, a 20-year-old computer-engineering student, said he spent the weekend at home with his family in Brookfield, Conn., but he avoided talking about the shootings. He said he never considered not coming

back, though he was concerned about the mood on campus.

"Today is surreal. It's something you would like to escape but at the same time embrace," said Swanson.

"It's unfortunate that it takes a tragedy to bring people together, but that has happened here. I think it will last for a good bit and I want to be a part of that."

Police officers, counselors, clergy and parents swarmed the campus. Still, students said, there was uneasiness coupled with sadness.

Yellow ribbons and orange bands draped trees and light poles. Makeshift memorials sprouted up everywhere students felt like placing a pile of flowers, candles and notes. A violinist played "Amazing Grace" on the lawn.

In the center of campus, a memorial to each of the dead, including the gunman, Seung Hui Cho, formed a semi circle. Throughout the day, students came here between classes to pay their respects and to reconnect with friends. Some were surprised to see a memorial for Cho, but there were no harsh words spoken or written in the notes left behind.

Instead, students used the opportunity to show Cho, even in death, that he did not win.

"You have underestimated our

strength, courage and compassion," said a note signed by Erin T.

"You have broken our hearts, but you have NOT broken our spirits. We are stronger and prouder than ever. I have never been more proud to be a Hokie. Love, in the end, will always prevail."

Meanwhile, police have pulled e-mails from the computer server and recovered Cho's personal cell phone records, searching for links between Cho and his first victim, Emily Hilscher, according to the Associated Press.

Nikki Moore, 21, walked along the memorials, holding on to her best friend, Jessica Polcyn, also 21, whom she had not seen since the tragedy.

"I knew it would be hard, but I tried to prepare myself to have as normal a school day as possible," said Moore. "We've got to take it step by step. You can't run away in fear of everything that happens."

Moore's mother, Amy Moore, said she took off work Monday to drive her daughter back to school. She said she never thought about pulling Nikki out of school because "this could have happened anywhere."

At home in Chesapeake, Va., Moore said her daughter was "anxious and nervous." Since arriving on campus, she said she had become less irritable.



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